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Office Action Summary

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WALKER ET AL.

Examiner

Tanim Hossain

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/11/02 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dustin et al. (U.S. 6,496,857).

As per claim 1, Dustin teaches a browser controller for controlling, managing and accessing secondary websites and links comprising: processor readable set of instructions (column 2, lines 2-4; where the existence of this ability implies a processor readable set of instructions); means for receiving user inputs that are processed by said instructions (column 2, lines 2-4; where the clicking signifies the receiving of user inputs, and in Applicant's specification, on page 10, lines 15-17, the means for receiving user inputs is embodied by mouse clicks); means for controlling and displaying content in an auxiliary browser based on user inputs, wherein content comprises website URL links and information related thereto available on a globally accessible network (column 4, lines 11-48; where the auxiliary browser is the storage area that sends deferred ad information to the user, and in Applicant's specification, on page 10, lines 19-21 discloses a the opening of new browser window that does not interrupt the user's current browser activity); means for correlating user inputs with said content for selecting, retrieving and displaying said content (column 4, lines 42-48, where the means are

described user's clicking of content); and means for controlling the timing of linking to said URL links and viewing said content (column 4, lines 11-12; where the selection of advertisements for later use constitutes controlling the timing of linking to URLs, and in Applicant's specification, on page 11, lines 3-8, the means for controlling the timing of linking is embodied as the user's ability to defer websites to be viewed at a later time.).

As per claim 2, Dustin teaches a controller as recited in claim 1, further comprising a database for storing and retrieving URL and content related information (column 4, lines 27-43; column 2, lines 4-9).

As per claim 3, Dustin teaches a controller as recited in claim 1, further comprising a review list routine, a now feature routine, an excerpt routine and a later on routine for controlling when a link is made (column 1, lines 32-37; column 2, lines 4-12).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tanim Hossain whose telephone number is 703/605-1228. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 703/305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703/872-9306.

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